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Re: Docket No. 98N-1038, Irradiation in Production, Processing and Handling of Food

To whom it may concern:

I am an American citizen, consumer, wife and mother. I am responsible for my family's health.

I expect the FDA to retain the current labelling law (with current "irradiation" terminology & current symbol and to make all information prominently visible on front of packaging and on posters by fresh produce and all animal products.)

I also expect this essential consumer information to continue (with no termination) since new consumers are an ongoing part of our society.

I do not want my family to unknow ingly eat irradiated food, and I fully expect the U.S. government to preserve my freedom of choice.

Respectfully, Tome Dardsoll

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cc. Senator Tom Harkin U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

> Senator Chas. Grassley U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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